

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Alan M. ROBINETT & Carl SCHAUBLE

Serial No.

Filed: March 19, 1998

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
CITRIC ACID CHELATES

Examiner:

Art Unit: 1103

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132
OF ALAN M. ROBINETT & CARL SCHAUBLE


Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:


We, Alan M. ROBINETT and Carl SCHAUBLE, the inventors in the above-identified application, declare as follows:

1. We conceived in the United States the invention claimed in the above patent application, prior to November 22, 1996.
2. The partially-chelated products described in the above patent application and in its parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/755,236, were inherently free of nitrates.
3. The partially-chelated products described in the above patent application and in its parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/755,236 are identical.
4. The terminology "nitrate-free" in the claims of the present application is included to distinguish over the prior art and does not change the invention that was disclosed in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/755,236.
5. The declarants further state that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent resulting therefrom.

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

DECLARATION:

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are stated below next to each of our names.

We believe we are the original and first joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD OF MANUFACTURING CITRIC CHELATES filed concurrently herewith.

The persons named as inventors in this application are Alan M. ROBINETT and Carl SCHAUBLE.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

No prior applications or inventors' certificates have been filed.

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